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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman
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RE: Generic Docket Addressing Rural Universal Service,
TRA Docket No. 00-00523

Dear Chairman Tate:

The CMRS Providers are in receipt of Mr. Bill Ramsey's letter of June 16, 2004, that seeks to postpone oral argument in the above referenced matter until the Authority's next scheduled conference in July. For several weeks, the CMRS Providers were aware that Mr. Steve Kraskin had a conflict with the originally set date for oral argument of June 21, 2004. By letter dated May 26, 2004, a copy of which is attached hereto, the CMRS Providers expressed their willingness to accommodate Mr. Kraskin's schedule. In that letter, we stated the following:

“[I]n an effort to accommodate your scheduling conflicts related to oral arguments originally set for June 21st, we agree to having the date for oral arguments specifically set within two weeks of June 21st provided the Authority can accommodate such. If the Authority is unable to accommodate this two-week time frame, we would agree to having oral arguments set as soon as possible thereafter.”

In accordance with the statement found above, the CMRS Providers remain equally willing to accommodate Mr. Ramsey's schedule. However, our willingness to accommodate other parties' schedules in this matter should in no way be interpreted as a willingness to alter any other procedural deadlines already established in other pending matters before the Authority in which the CMRS Providers and the Rural Independent Coalition are participants (e.g. Docket No. 03-00585).



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RE: Generic Docket Addressing Rural Universal Service, Docket No. 00-00523

Dear Steve:

On behalf of the CMRS Providers, who collectively filed their Petition for Reconsideration on May 17, 2004, in the above-referenced docket, we hereby respond to your email of May 25, 2004. We have no objections to altering the procedural schedule that was established by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority on May 24, 2004, but only in the following respects. First, we agree to June 7, 2004, as the date for filing briefs relevant to the merits of the May 17, 2004, Petitions for Reconsiderations filed by the CMRS Providers and BellSouth in the above-referenced docket. Second, we agree to June 21, 2004, as the date for filing reply briefs for any party wishing to respond to the June 7th briefs. Third, in an effort to accommodate your scheduling conflicts related to oral arguments originally set for June 21st, we agree to having the date for oral arguments specially set within two weeks of June 21st provided the Authority can accommodate such. If the Authority is unable to accommodate this two-week time frame, we would agree to having oral arguments set as soon as possible thereafter.

Although we are amenable to altering the procedural schedule as outlined herein, we would object to seeking an additional procedural order from the full panel such that its Directors could further specify the issues to be considered on review. The transcript from the Authority's Conference on May 24, 2004, clearly establishes that briefs are to be filed on the merits of the May 17, 2004, Petitions for Reconsideration.

Consistent with the above, we have no objection to you filing a motion with the Authority seeking date changes. In the event you do file such motion, and represent such motion as "joint" or "agreed," I respectfully reserve the opportunity to review such motion before filing.

Sincerely,

J. Barclay Phillips

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cc: Parties of Record
in Docket 00-00523

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As always, please do not hesitate to contact me should you need anything further

Sincerely,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 17 day of June, 2004, a copy of the foregoing document was served by U.S. mail on the parties of record:

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